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Virginia Air Board
c/o Terry Darton
Air Permit Manager
13901 Crown Court
Woodbridge, VA 22193

Dear Air Board,

Please accept this letter as a show of support in favor of the proposed improvements to the Mirant Plant. For years now it has been debated whether to close the plant or save it. To close it meant a loss of jobs and substantial electrical supply to our area. To close it also meant cleaner air because the plant would no longer emit toxic chemicals. To save it would be virtually impossible because it is antiquated and too costly to fix.

Recently I was informed of a proposed solution that seems to be a win-win. I believe that the stack merge is an absolute ingenious way to preserve the plant, jobs and air at the same time. More importantly, there are no costs to the taxpayer. Why wouldn't I support a project that has such terrific benefits for the constituents of our city?

As a 58 year old retired government employee, I try to stay abreast of the issues that affect me personally, as well as my neighbors, like clean air and electrical supply. Closing the plant will have a negative impact on both. Both my husband and I were aware of the proposal and want to be a part of the solution and not the problem.

I would like to do more to show my support, but will certainly begin with this letter. Please know that this is important to my family and I understand that you will take this and many others like it into consideration when making decisions in the best interests of Alexandria's constituents. Thanks in advance and have a great day.

Best regards



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